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SUBJ: PRESS GUIDANCE ON JANUARY 8 EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PROVIDED DEPT'S SPOKESMAN FOR NOON
BRIEFING JANUARY 8.

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO THE MEASURES
ANNOUNCED BY THE PARK GOVERNMENT?

ANSWER: WE HAVE HAD REPORTS FROM OUR EMBASSY AT SEOUL ON
THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS, WHICH WE ARE STUDYING. WE
DO NOT BELIEVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY PUBLIC
COMMENT AT THIS TIME.

QUESTION: DO YOU THINK THE MEASURES ARE RELATED TO THE
RECENT PROTESTS IN KOREA?

ANSWER: THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS STATED ITS REASONS AND I
DO NOT WISH TO COMMENT ON THEM AT THIS TIME.

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QUESTION: DO WE AGREE THAT SUCH MEASURES WERE NECESSARY?

ANSWER: I PREFER TO STAND ON MY EARLIER STATEMENT THAT AT THIS TIME WE HAVE NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

QUESTION: IF WE ARE NOT COMMENTING PUBLICLY, WHAT ARE WE SAYING TO THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT?

ANSWER: THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A QUESTION TO WHICH I CANNOT RESPOND.

QUESTION: IS AMBASSADOR HABIB RETURNING TO SEOUL?

ANSWER: THE AMBASSADOR IS IN WASHINGTON ON CONSULTATION AT THE END OF HIS HOME LEAVE. HE WILL RETURN SHORTLY TO SEOUL.

QUESTION: IS THERE AN INCREASED THREAT FROM THE NORTH?

ANSWER: WE HAVE NO INDICATION OF ANY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN THE SECURITY SITUATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

QUESTION: WHAT WILL BE THE EFFECT ON U.S. FORCES UNDER THIS ACTION WHICH SEEMS TO AMOUNT TO MARTIAL LAW?

ANSWER: MARTIAL LAW WAS NOT IMPOSED. U.S. FORCES ARE NOT INVOLVED.

QUESTION: IS THIS MARTIAL LAW?

ANSWER: NO, THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS SAID THAT THIS IS NOT MARTIAL LAW.

QUESTION: WHEN WAS THE U.S. NOTIFIED OF THIS ROK ACTION ?

ANSWER: WE WERE INFORMED JUST BEFORE THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

QUESTION: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CITED THE "TURBULENT WAVES" CAUSED BY THE FLUCTUATING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY AS ONE REASON FOR ITS MEASURES. WHAT IS THE SITUATION IN THE KOREAN ECONOMY?

ANSWER: KOREA HAS HAD AN EXTREMELY SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE IN 1973; BUT KOREA WILL HAVE TO ADJUST TO THE SAME DISLOCATIONS BEING EXPERIENCED BY MANY OTHER COUNTRIES

BECAUSE OF THE OIL SUPPLY AND PRICE SITUATION.
THE OFFICE OF KOREAN AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CAN

SUPPLY DETAILS ON THE 1973 PERFORMANCE.
ON BACKGROUND: IF NECESSARY TO ANSWER QUESTION RELATING TO
ESTABLISHMENT OF MARTIAL LAW:

QUESTION: DOESN'T THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COURTS MARTIAL
MAKE THIS THE SAME AS MARTIAL LAW?

A SWER* NO, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE COURTS MARTIAL WILL
DEAL ONLY WITH THOSE MATTERS COVERED IN THE EMERGENCY
DECREE, AND THAT OTHER CIVIL COURTS ARE UNAFFECTED. UNDER
MARTIAL LAW ALL CIVIL COURTS ARE SUSPENDED AND COURTS
MARTIAL TRY ALL OFFENSES.

2. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
AS ACTUALLY RAISED AT NOON BRIEFING.

QUESTION: GEORGE, GENERAL PAK CHONG-HUI THREATENED TO
COURT MARTIAL ANY KOREAN WHO EXERCISED HIS CONSTITUTIONAL
RIGHTS TO HAVE THE CONSTITUTION AMENDED, INVOKING PAK'S
OWN VERSION OF EMERGENCY POWER. HE FURTHER CALLED FOR
ANY REPORT, BOTH BY T*E KOREAN AND THE F REIGN NEWSMEN,(SIC)
TO WRI ABOUT THE MOVEMENT TO*AMEND THE CONSTITUTION.
DO YOU H *E ANY COMMENT ON THI ?

ANSWER: IF*YOU WOULD *ARDON ME* IS THIS T E ACTIVITY*THAT
I HA E JUST HEARD ABOUT RATHER RECENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH
-- THESE ARE THE NEW MEASURES THAT THE PAK GOVERNMENT HAS
JUST ANNOUNCED?

QUESTION: YES.
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ANSWER: YES, BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD REPORTS FROM OUR EMBASSY
ON THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND WE ARE STUDYING THEM, BUT I
THINK IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TODAY FOR ME TO TRY TO COMMENT
ON THEM AT THIS POINT.

3. EMERGENCY MEASURES ANNOUNCED TOO LATE FOR US PRESS
JANUARY 8 BUT WERE CARRIED IN EARLY MORNING NEWSCASTS. KISSINGER

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